

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

LOCAL 8027, AFT-NEW HAMPSHIRE, AFL-CIO, RYAN)
RICHMAN, JOHN DUBE and JOCEYLN MERRILL,)
teachers in the New Hampshire Public Schools, and)
KIMBERLY GREEN ELLIOTT and MEGHAN EVELYN)
DURDEN, parents or guardians of children in the New)
Hampshire public schools.)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

FRANK EDELBLUT, in his Official Capacity as)
Commissioner of the DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION,)
CHRISTIAN KIM in his Official Capacity as the Chair of the)
NEW HAMPSHIRE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS,)
and JOHN FOMELLA in his Official Capacity as)
ATTORNEY GENERAL of the State of New Hampshire.)

Defendants.)

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ANDRES MEJIA,)
CHRISTINA KIM PHILIBOTTE, and)
NATIONAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION-NEW)
HAMPSHIRE,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

FRANK EDELBLUT, in his official capacity only as the)
Commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of)
Education,)

JOHN M. FORMELLA, in his official capacity only as the)
Attorney General of the State of New Hampshire,)

AHNI MALACHI, in her official capacity only as the)
Executive Director of the New Hampshire Commission for)
Human Rights,)

CHRISTIAN KIM, in his official capacity)
only as the Chair of the New Hampshire Commission for)
Human Rights,)

KEN MERRIFIELD, in his official capacity only as the)
Commissioner of the Department of Labor,)

Defendants.)

Civil No. 1:21-cv-01077-PB

PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL AUTHORITY

Plaintiffs hereby submit this notice of supplemental authority to inform this Court of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Tennessee’s May 2, 2024 memorandum in *Tenn. Educ. Ass’n v. Reynolds*, No. 3:23-cv-00751, 2024 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 80277 (M.D. Tenn. May 2, 2024), which denied Tennessee’s motion to dismiss educators’ lawsuit challenging, on Fourteenth Amendment Due Process/vagueness grounds, a 2021 Tennessee law that bans “a handful of ‘concepts’ that a teacher cannot ‘include’ or ‘promote’ in his or her curriculum, instruction, or supplemental materials.” *Slip op.* at *2. A copy of this decision is attached to this notice.

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